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DR. PLATT TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



DR. S. B. PLATT

Dr. S. B. Platt, layman, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour the Sunday afternoons of April 10, 17, and 24, bringing a series of three messages entitled, "Lay Evangelism in the Home," "Lay Evangelism in the Church," and "Lay Evangelism in our Nation." Dr. Platt will be heard over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven, WNRG, Grenada.

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ORPHANAGE NEEDS TOLD

By W. G. Mize, Superintendent

The Orphanage continues to make progress with their Building Program. At the present there is under construction a school building and gymnasium, a garage and workshop, and a pre-school age building for the younger group of children, with dining room and kitchen. The building will provide for twelve boys and twelve girls.

The cost of this construction with furnishings approximates an expenditure of some \$250,000.00. The Orphanage has on hand some \$73,000.00 in cash and \$378,802 in Government Savings Bonds. The Orphanage has no endowment and the income is provided through 5 of the Cooperative programs, together with designated gifts and voluntarily contributions throughout the year and more especially during the Thanksgiving Season.

Last year \$5,730 interest came from our Bonds. All of these Bonds are not interest bearing and we will receive the full amount upon maturity. If it becomes necessary to use our Bonds in the construction of needed

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W.M.U. Reports New Record For Enrolment, Contributions

MRS. WILMA SLEDGE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT—TO AID NEW ORLEANS MISSION

By Mrs. Charles H. Deane, Jr.

One thousand six hundred and sixty-one persons registered for the Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, to set an all time attendance record and to be thrilled and inspired by one of the most powerful and spirit-filled conventions in the glorious history of this organization. Sessions were held in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, beginning at seven on Tuesday evening, March 29, and closing on Thursday, March 31, at noon. Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge of Jackson was re-elected President, and the slate of fellow officers who served so splendidly during the past year were re-elected to their respective posts. Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, was elected Stewardship Chairman. She replaced Mrs. Ned Rice who was elected Chairman of District III.

Theme Was Look, Love, Lift

The program theme was built around the three words, LOOK, LOVE and LIFT, and featured the Southern Baptist Convention's most outstanding leaders in the field of missions. Those present were privileged to hear Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary of the

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BSU Retreat Speaker



ROBERT GUY

Appearing on the program of the State Retreat for BSU Officers, to be held at First Church, Jackson, April 22-23, will be Mr. Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. Approximately two hundred Baptist college students from more than twenty Mississippi colleges are expected to attend.

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Mississippians To Receive Degrees From Southern Seminary



Top, left to right: Wilson, Andrews, Calcote, Ferrell.

Center: Kennedy, Patterson, Riley, Roye.

Bottom: McMurray, Byrd, Kolb, and Hand.

Not pictured: Holloway.

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Simmons To Sponsor Mothers Day Appeal

Rev. Bryan Simmons has been asked to sponsor the Mississippi Baptist Mothers Day appeal to Help the Helpless through our Hospital.

Brother Simmons raised the funds for the first unit of the present building and was the first full time superintendent. He is well-informed and much interested in all the work of the hospital, and especially the service rendered those who are not able to help themselves.

We bespeak for him and the appeal, a kindly hearing.

Thirteen from Mississippi are from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at the annual commencement exercises, May 6. They are:

Bachelor in Theology Degree:
Roe Wilson, McComb, who received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College in 1946.

Bachelor in Divinity Degree:
Henning Andrews, Houlika, B. A. degree from Union University, 1938; Ralph Victor Calcote, Wesson, B. S. degree, Mississippi State College, 1944; William Hasel Ferrell, Greenville, B. A. degree, Mississippi College, 1946; Charles Leonard Holloway, Clinton, B. A. degree from Mississippi College, 1948.

Robert Furman Kenney, Tupelo, B. A. degree, Mississippi College, 1941; Joseph Gilbert Patterson, Clinton, B. A. degree, Mississippi College, 1946; James Burton Riley, Hattiesburg, B. A. degree, Mississippi College, 1946; Frank H. Roye, Pontotoc, B. A. degree, Transylvania College, 1941.

Master in Theology Degree:
Clark Walter McMurray, Doddsville, who received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College in 1945.

Doctor in Theology Degree:
David Q. Byrd, Jr., Clinton, B. A. de-

W.M.U. REPORTS NEW RECORD (Continued from Page One)

Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. George R. Martin, President of Southern W. M. U., Miss Edith Chaney from Nigeria, Africa; David Mein, Missionary to Brazil; and Miss Gladys Keith of New Orleans Riverfront Mission, as their out-of-state speakers. Mississippi speakers appearing on the program included Rev. Wyatt Hunter, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Compere, and Mrs. Kermit Canterbury.

The spirit for the entire convention was set with the Meditation and Special music brought by the Mississippi College Glee Club at the beginning of the service on Tuesday evening. Under the direction of Professor E. N. Elsey and accompanied by W. L. Compere, Jr. on the marimba, they "lifted" the hearts of those present. Congregational singing was ably led by Reid Moore, director of Music at First Baptist Church. Organist for the convention was Miss Hazel Chisholm, who is always generous with her talent. Special music from time to time was provided by the trio from Blue Mountain College. The trio is composed of Charla Walters, flutist, Jeanne Jeffers, violinist and Lois Baker, vocalist. On Wednesday evening, Mrs. J. M. Dorsett of Lucedale sang to the delight of those present.

Speaking on the Theme, LOOK, LOVE, LIFT, Dr. Hunter in the opening Worship Period set forth the thought framework for the convention. He pointed out that what a man sees either makes or un-makes the man. What he is, determines what he sees and what he sees determines what he does. Jesus' words concerning missions were look, pray, go! Dr. Hunter urged his listeners to "lift up your eyes and look upon a vast and vicious heathenism — economically, physically, socially and religiously; a militant godless communism; a cold and lifeless ecclesiasticism; a selfish and sensual materialism." Then he reminded them of what Jeremiah saw — the clay, the wheel and the POTTER, and concluded by challenging all to Look at Christ, to look and learn, look and pray, look and live, look and give, look and labor, look and feel, look and weep, look and LOVE, Look and LIFT.

Before the message of the evening on Tuesday, Miss Almarine Brown, Chairman of the Business Woman's Circles Federation was presented and she in turn had all business women present to stand. Several hundred were present to mark the first year of their organization as a federation.

Rankin Emphasizes "New"

Dr. Rankin spoke on the subject "Look Unto the Fields," emphasizing the urgency in the words of Jesus, "Look upon the fields now." Throughout his inspiring message he repeatedly stated, "You are inescapably and inextricably citizens of the whole world. Something can happen around the world tonight that will change the way you live here in Mississippi tomorrow." Dr. Rankin pointed out that hunger is the world's greatest threat — physical hunger, hunger for liberty, hunger for peace, hunger for satisfaction. He said, "Communism is not the greatest threat, it is the result of the threat of these hungers. In America we are so insulated by abundance that the current of compassion cannot get through. Look on this world and remember that God cannot be interned or excluded. As missionaries we do not go out to organize Baptist

Churches, we go out to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ and to follow the teachings of the New Testament and we believe that we'll get Baptist Churches as the result." He defined the task of Southern Baptists as World Evangelization and urged that we look at Christ and look with Him at the world and we'll be moved to Big Undertakings.

Speaking again at the worship period Wednesday morning, Dr. Rankin used Love as his subject. "Look at what Jesus did with what He had! He emptied himself! He humbled himself! He gave up all he had and reserved only the right of using it for others! Jesus acted on the impulse of a great and controlling love." He pointed out that we will have a world program that is just the size of the love we feel and put into it "The same dynamic that got hold of Christ got hold of Paul. It was a life controlling conviction of love and compassion. Either people were in Christ or out of Christ, there were no other lines drawn. Wherever you find great dynamic Christian characters that are moving the world for Christ you find individuals who are moved by love . . . individuals who are "mad" for Christ. Can we say like Paul, the love of Christ has me in its grasp! It will do great things for you and with you!"

Mrs. J. L. Johnson, for thirty years the Training School Trustee for Mississippi led the Memorial Service. Special mention was made of three who had served as officers of W. M. U. and who had passed on since last convention. They were Mrs. E. G. Peatross, Secretary of Hinds Association, Mrs. Ida Burrell, Sallis, for many years superintendent in Attala County and Miss Margaret McRae Lackey. Mrs. Johnson gave a sketch of Miss Lackey's wonderful life and special emphasis upon the fact that she conceived the idea and started the State Mission Week of Prayer which now bears her name.

55 Patients in Seven Beds
Miss Chaney spoke on "Seeing Afri-

Conway Accepts Pastorate Of Military Church



Rev. Lucian G. Conway, graduate of Louisiana Tech at Ruston in the class of 1943 and formerly of Baytown, Texas, is, the new pastor of Military Church, located two miles south of Sumrall.

south of Sumrall.

At present Mr. Conway is attending the New Orleans Theological Seminary. Pastor Conway is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Conway also is a graduate of Louisiana Tech.

ca Through a Nurses' Eyes." Using the scripture passage from Mark 16: 17-18, she showed how the missionaries' experiences in Africa paralleled these verses. She said, "we try to pattern our service after Jesus . . . When those we heal thank us, we say Thank God! He is the God of Love and through His love you have been made well." She told that Nigeria is a country that is sick. 75 per cent of the babies die before 2 years of age. She has had 55 patients in a seven bed dispensary. With story after story she proved just how sick Nigeria is and how God's love is the only cure for its illness.

Mrs. George R. Martin brought a stirring message in which she told of her trip to African mission fields and her journey to London last fall to help in the organization of a European Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. She told about the women of Virginia WMU sending rice and raisins and milk and spices to our Christian sisters in the fourteen European countries affiliated with the E. B. W. M. U. This gift was distributed by them to all Baptists in the orphanages, hospitals and homes throughout the countries. Twenty tons were sent and Dr. Peterson of Denmark has written

MISSISSIPPIANS TO RECEIVE (Continued from Page One)

gree from Mississippi College in 1940, B. D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1946, Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary in 1947; Raymond Lowrey Kolb, Blue Springs, B. A. degree from Mississippi College in 1939, Th. M. from Southern Seminary in 1942; George Othell Hand, Collinsville, B. A. degree from Mississippi College in 1943, Th. M. from Southern Seminary in 1946.

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ORPHANAGE NEEDS TOLD (Continued from Page One)

buildings, it means that the income for operating expenses will be decreased. We trust that we shall be able to complete our building program, pay all accounts as we go and have some \$200,000 on hand in Bonds as an Endowment which will bring us at least \$5,000 per year to apply on our operating expense.

The Orphanage must build at least two more dormitory cottages, one for boys and one for girls, in order to grant requests for admission, which are now received almost weekly and sometimes more often. These two buildings will cost about \$100,000.

The Orphanage has made much progress, but there is much yet to be done. For the year 1948 the Orphanage received 6 per cent through the Cooperative Program, for the year 1949 5 per cent is being received. Last month we received through the Cooperative Program \$1,876, whereas our total operating expense for essentials amounted to \$5,310. \$3,433 came through Designated Gifts and personal contributions.

Certainly the Orphanage has made progress, but there must not be any let up or decrease in gifts for it must not fall back into the position that it occupied some years ago. The Lord's work deserves and should have the best. Truly, this is the Lord's work and He will bless it as long as we continue to serve and minister in His name.

that this gift of love has done more than any congress to spread the cause of Christ in these lands.

The Wednesday afternoon session was highlighted by messages brought by Gladys Keith and David Mein. Miss Keith gave a stirring appeal for the needs along the riverfront in New Orleans. As we rejoice in the near completion of the new Rachel Sims Mission she urged to look upon the needs of the other groups not being adequately ministered to in this section. Every heart was touched as she told of the little colored by who stood by her and looked up at the splendid new structure and asked, "Is it just for whites?" At the conclusion of her appeal it was unanimously voted to give one half of the amount (\$5,000) allocated for River Front Mission Work in the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Week of Prayer offering to the erection of Carver Center, a mission for negroes, and the other half to go for furnishings at the Rachel Sims Mission as had been previously designated.

South America A Country of Liberators

David Mein climaxed the afternoon session with a moving address on conditions in South America. He called S. A. a country of Liberators, and pointed out that it needs most of all to be liberated by Christ and for Christ. He showed how the people there are living in intellectual bondage and are in need of the light of

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"March 23, 1949

TO THE BAPTIST STATE SECRETARIES

Dear Brethren:

Re: Registration Cards
for Southern Baptist Convention

Registration cards to be used at the Oklahoma Convention have been mailed to you under separate cover. These cards you will of course forward to the churches as in previous years.

As you know, the maximum number of messengers from any one church is ten, which means that this is the largest number of cards any church will need. Most churches will require a smaller quantity.

You will recall that the new constitutional provision regarding membership (Article III) as adopted last year in Memphis grew out of a concern that representation should be only on the basis of bona fide co-operation with the Convention. I am sure you will want to keep this provision in mind as you send out these cards to the co-operating churches.

It will be a great help in registering messengers if cards are properly certified in advance and brought to the Convention already filled out. Whatever you can do to enlist the co-operation of the churches to this end will be greatly appreciated.

Gratefully yours,
JOE W. BURTON,
Secretary, SBC."

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

At the last meeting the Executive Committee suggested that we acquaint Mississippi Baptists more and more with the conduct of our work. While we have done quite a bit of this in the past, as you know, we have tried to be conservative in the matter rather than boring you with details.

On another page in this issue we present you with the story of the Gospel Flyer. It has been operated throughout in Kingdom service. It carries a great message, "Jesus Saves." It was secured to help out in a strenuous program. According to figures just handed us by the Bookkeeping Department, the plane over a two and one-half year period has been operated at five cents per mile. This includes all charges against it. The present automobile allowance is six cents per mile. Whether we have received charges by flying hours, actual expense or on a straight mileage basis it has all averaged the same in the end—namely, five cents per mile in cost. It should go without saying that of course no staff member has received one penny in remuneration for flying the plane. The Christ life is not a life of safety first but a life of all out for Christ! Doxology!

I

In 1930, our per capita income was around \$205, whereas, Mississippi Baptists gave total mission contributions in the amount of \$341,714.87.

In 1933, the low depression year, the per capita income was around \$126, and Mississippi Baptists gave for all mission contributions that year \$100,250.48. Thus, while our per capita income shrank less than 50 per cent those two years, our mission contributions decreased by over 66 per cent.

In 1941, our per capita income was \$276 and Mississippi Baptists gave for missions and other such causes \$354,315.86. While this was a gain, it was not extraordinary.

In 1946, our per capita income was about \$355, whereas, total Mississippi Baptists' mission and other such contributions were \$1,810,615.56. Thus, while our per capita income was doubling between 1941 and 1946, Mississippi Baptists were increasing their total mission contributions by around 600 per cent. This meant that the love and loyalty of Mississippi Baptists were far ahead of the percentage of material gain. It is such as this that has kept our hearts singing a doxology.

II

Dr. C. Y. Donsey writes that a meeting of associational evangelistic organizers and chairmen from over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held Monday night, May 16, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Every associational officer, possible, should plan to attend. If your association does not have an organizer and chairman, they should be named, by all means, immediately.

III

A good friend called us the other day greatly agitated over the report that our foreign missionaries are shipped to foreign fields like cattle. We are not trying to get all false rumors straight, else we would not do anything else and still not get that job done. While we do not doubt that some missionaries unfortunately may have inadequate quarters, yet we know some travel by air and many travel in perfect comfort on passenger ships. On a trip around the world using five passenger vessels, some missionaries were aboard having the same sort of quarters used by others of us who traveled tourists. Some Americans resent, when traveling tourist or second

class, that they cannot go up to first class quarters. It is like traveling on a day coach in this country. Pullman privileges may not be enjoyed on a day coach ticket. We will not help any phase of our work by giving credence to wild rumors. Some of our rural preachers and workers live with as few conveniences as many missionaries even in the interior. In Mexico, Cuba, Jerusalem, Shanghai, and around in South America, we visited in the homes of missionaries, the houses being built of brick, stucco, or wood frame, all very comfortable. The great challenge for foreign missionaries is that the souls of people are lost and need to be reached with the gospel.

IV

On Sunday we were in five services in north Tippah Association. Good congregations prevailed—the last two services saw the house of worship pretty well packed with people. Pastor Clarence Palmer, one of our most constructive men, arranged the services at Providence, Chalhybeate, Falkner, Harmony, and Walnut. It was good to be with Pastor Stokes, Pastor Stanger, as well as some others in the Sunday School Associational Meeting in the afternoon. One church took an offering as Convention expense for the pastor. Another made a building fund offering. At a combination evening service, a Cooperative Program offering was made.

V

Dr. Criswell is not the only good flyer. We piloted Dr. Landon Miller, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, over Columbus and West Point that he might take some pictures. He also piloted the plane a little bit. Some of the other brethren proved air-minded also.

VI

One of the finest things a church, an association, or a pastors' conference could do would be to have a member of the Executive Committee come to you and talk about the inside workings of our Baptist life. They have information as a whole no one else has.

Before the Gulf Coast pastors recently we were asked to just take the pastors inside our bookkeeping department. This we did and they were generally graciously expressive in their sympathetic understanding.

God's people have the right to the truth! The devil is the father of lies. John 8:44.

VII

Problems aplenty come up in this work—some routine and some special. They make part of the thrill of the work.

Two years ago after we had word that accommodations for the Evangelistic Conference would be sufficient, we set Vicksburg as a meeting place. Some days later we received the following in a letter from the pastor of First Baptist Church of that city. "One of the problems that we will have here in Vicksburg will be with reference to the meals. I am thinking particularly of the noon meal. In talking with representatives from the Vicksburg Hotel and one other leading restaurant in the city, I have received from them suggestions that we plan if at all possible for the lunch period to begin at 11:30. I am aware that this is early and would make it rather difficult from the standpoint of other things on the program; and yet, if we should get out at 12 or 12:30, we would run straight into the large group of government employees who will be out at the same time. We should go either at 11:30 or after 1 o'clock."

What would you have done in the face of that problem? We could move the Conference to another place; we could adjust the morning session stopping at 11:30 which would stop us almost before we got started; we could let every-

body fight it out in the cafes. We had to make up our mind. We chose as an alternative having each of our pastors and the two college groups in special dining rooms for a meal each. This took some of the pressure off the cafes and at the same time afforded us an opportunity for doing some promotion work. It also relieved Vicksburgers from being embarrassed.

Some two years ago another problem presented itself. The bookkeeping department advanced \$7,000 to a department without our knowledge or consent. As Executive Secretary we would not advance that amount to an institution or an individual without approval from the Executive Committee or the Convention Board. We never have. We knew a goodly sum had been advanced but we did not know how much. Later we asked the bookkeeper in the presence of the co-bookkeeper for a statement of the amount advanced. We were told "something like \$7,000."

Again we had to make up our mind. Should the bookkeeper be fired, demoted, transferred, or what? Should we go into a frenzy and storm at somebody? We did none of those things though maybe we should have done one or two of them. We gave a very emphatic memorandum stating that advances were to be made no one without written approval from the proper authority.

These are but samples of problems that constantly call for immediate decisions. Certainly it is only by the grace of the Lord and the sympathetic cooperation of the people that we have not made manifold mistakes in this work.

NOTE: Through the Executive Committee we recommended to the Convention Board that no financial advances be made to anybody at any time. It passed. That seals it.

VIII

Everything Jesus did was wrong in the eyes of some people! Jesus says, "But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. For John came neither eating nor drinking,

Student Council President



MISS CHARLA WALTERS

Shown above is Miss Charla Walters, Laurel, who has been elected president of the student government council of Blue Mountain College for the session of 1948-50.

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EAST COLUMBIA CHURCH HELD A Stewardship Revival March 13-17, with Rev. Thurman Booth of Terry leading. Rev. Guy A. Little is the pastor.

and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children." Matthew 11:19-19. Read the entire 11th chapter of Matthew.

While some are criticizing Jesus, He is calling people unto Himself. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30.

Let others do the criticizing! Let us do His work! Let us call people unto Him!

"March 25, 1949

Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Baptist Building
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Dr. McCall:

The Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention lists for consideration during the month of April the Relief and Annuity Board with the recommendation that an offering be taken for the relief of aged ministers. With the demands upon the relief department, we especially need this fellowship offering during 1949. This is not to be a high pressure offering, but just a fellowship offering taken in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper. No offering would be large, but the amount received would be sufficient to enable us to do a more worthy part by our old preachers who laid the foundation of our denomination.

If you would appeal to the pastors through The Baptist Record that they take this fellowship offering and thereby have a part in this glorious ministry, we will be deeply grateful to you.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours,
R. S. JONES,
Associate Secretary."

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A Great W.M.U. Convention

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union at First Church, Jackson, last week was one of the most forward-looking and satisfactory meetings in the history of the organized women's work. It was a great meeting in many respects.

Of course, many others gave much aid, but special mention should be made of the outstanding leadership of Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary and Miss Nell Taylor, Young People's Leader.

GREAT IN ATTENDANCE

It was the best attended meeting in the history of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. A total of 1,661 persons registered and of course, there are always some who fail for various reasons to register.

The fact that this large representative group of women came together to plan, study and pray for the progress of the kingdom of God is a high tribute to their love and devotion to Him whom they serve.

GREAT IN SPIRIT

We have never attended a meeting in which we were more conscious of a finer spirit than this. It was a spirit made great by conquests in kingdom service. The groups were knit together with a love that made them one. There was no place for divisions. They made their plans with no other thought but that every effort would be crowned with victory. They never talked defeat, failure, or the possibility of not reaching an objective. Theirs was a spirit that had no place for failure. Defeat was not in their vocabulary.

GREAT IN PURPOSE

One could feel the force of purpose in this meeting. There was no tweedeedledee nor tweedeedledee in the meeting. One felt he was in the presence of world-builders—of a great group of con-

secrated women building a Christian world.

GREAT IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We did not hear a single report wherein the women had failed in attaining an objective. They had made their plans and programs and then proceeded to pray about them and work to achieve them.

GOD BLESS THOSE WOMEN.

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Is Your Pastor Graduating?

It will soon be commencement time. Many of our pastors are also students and some of them will be graduating. Some of them are having a hard time financially.

May we suggest a plan that will help lighten the load as well as brighten the home and cheer the heart.

Let every church whose pastor is a student give him a commencement shower. He will remember it as long as life lasts, and it will be an inspiration to the pastor and perhaps meet a real need.

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H.R. 2945 Threatens Baptist Record Income

Baptists as well as all other religious organizations need to do something NOW about the proposed increase in postal rates. The proposed rates in H. R. 2945, for the first year would increase the Baptist and Protestant postage bill from \$465,000 in 1945 by 300 per cent to \$1,860,000 (based upon the proposed rates for fourth and fifth zones, and for the second year this total would be increased to \$2,790,000 or an increase of over 500 per cent over 1948, assuming the same volume of mail.

Inasmuch as the Church-owned publishing houses do not operate for profit to individuals, the materials published by them are priced to allow no profit, as such, but rather are made available to the local churches and Sunday schools at the lowest possible prices in order to bring Christian education to the greatest number of people. In many instances magazines or other teaching materials, are distributed at a known loss because they are essential to the educational program of the Church.

It is evident that substantial increases in postage costs automatically would make necessary greatly increase selling prices to churches and Sunday Schools. There is a limit beyond which funds simply are not available, and the materials purchased are limited by the pennies, nickels, and dimes placed in the collection plate by children and adults.

Since operating surpluses are

all devoted to the ministry and teaching programs of our American Protestant churches, the proposed increases in postal rates would inevitably reflect themselves as deterrents upon the ministries of the churches.

Under the proposed rates in H. R. 2945, the total postage bill for second-class, parcel post, and the books shipped by the thirty-six church-owned publishing houses would increase from a 1949 estimated total of \$1,923,300 to \$5,650,800 in 1950 or an increase of 14 per cent. The total amount of money involved is relatively small as far as the postal service and the Government are concerned, but would act as a tremendous deterrent to the Sunday schools in supplying teachers and pupils with essential materials. We firmly believe that the consequences ultimately would be far reaching in the life of the nation.

If we correctly understand the bill, Section 2, Article 3, of the resolution calls for a minimum of 1/2c a piece or 2c a pound with a 50 per cent increase after the first year. If the Baptist Record is compelled to pay 1/2c postage on each paper our weekly bill would be (based on last week's circulation) \$323. The average cost under present rates is \$91.25.

Consequently, we call to the attention of our readers these serious implications to the educational programs of the Protestant churches of America and urge that the most careful consideration be given to the implications and their relationship to public policy before the postal rates are finally determined.

We urge everyone of our readers to write to Senators Stennis and Eastland and to the Congressman of their district protesting against passage of this bill.

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Not Our Fault

When we do our best that is as far as we can go.

When we send cuts to the printers we write the names on the back of the cuts. Our responsibility ends there.

The picture on page one of last week's issue was of Dr. W. Landon Miller and not Dr. John W. Landrum. The picture on page 12 was of Dr. John W. Landrum and not of Dr. Miller.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock, April 10, 1949.

Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey.

Subject—"Jesus Only."

Subject for April 17—"Alive For Evermore."

Heard in Mississippi over radio stations WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and over WAFB, Yazoo City at 8:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Philadelphia, First	503	86
Hazlehurst	330	83
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	68	44
Friendship (Pike County)	186	70
East McComb	451	237
Bruce	257	90
Paynes	124	77
Popular Springs (Simpson County)	112	--
South Laurel	76	38
New Zion (Copolah County)	93	56
Grenada, First	581	112
County Line (Copolah County)	152	134
Hornlake	113	49
Carmel (Lawrence County)	106	85
Union (Pearl River County)	131	99
Mantee	109	38
Brookhaven, First	1113	309
Siwel (Hinds County)	137	113
Glenfield (Union County)	54	44
New Albany	88	54
Oral (Lebanon Association)	91	52
Prentiss	385	84
Lucedale	353	135
East Columbia	92	63
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	100	26
Siloam (Simpson County)	54	36
Booneville	280	128
Pascagoula, First		
Eastlawn Mission	52	12
Goss	103	92
Ecran	139	50
Kosciusko, First	493	--
Durant, First	197	80
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	94	100
Holly Springs	36	33
Darling	70	30
Corinth, Tate Street	285	106
Columbus, First	906	259
West Corinth	173	98
Center (Union County)	142	50
Gulfport, First	685	154
O'Tuckalofo (Yalobusha County)	50	--
Tupelo, Harrisburg	486	165
Delay	57	40
Kreole, First	139	74
Centerville	167	51
Zion Hill (Copolah County)	88	70
Ovett	49	--
Leaf (Green County)	48	--
Jackson, Elaine	122	93
Jackson, Emmanuel	125	67
Jackson, Northside	753	282
Jackson, First	1451	454
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	321	132
Jackson, Van Winkle	438	238
Jackson, Parkway	735	263
Jackson, Parkway Chapel	107	52
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	129	86
Meridian, First	712	--
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	600	143
Meridian, Highland	538	181
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	384	120
Meridian, Southside	382	164
Meridian, 41st Avenue	311	103
Meridian, Poplar Springs	257	71
Meridian, Oakland Heights	150	50
Meridian, Oak Grove	124	59
Meridian, Key Field Mission	68	--
Greenwood, First	654	--
West Laurel	420	143
Laurel, Second Avenue	463	200
Hattiesburg, Main Street	903	265
Crystal Springs	635	212
Ecran	139	50
New Albany, First	530	211
Including Mission	560	243

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Itawamba Association which met with the Evergreen Church. The 1949 meeting will be held at the Antioch Church on October 6 and with the Fairview Church on October 7.

V.M.U. REPORTS NEW RECORD

(Continued from Page Two)

the love of Christ.

The Wednesday evening session of Young People's Session was presided over by Miss Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary of Miss. W. M. U. She was assisted by Mr. Walter F. Bisbee, Royal Ambassador Secretary.

The devotional period was beautifully conducted by Mrs. W. L. Comper who developed the thought on LOOK, Look at your Life, your Opportunities, your Orders and Your King! She was assisted by the Negro Sunshine Bands of Calvary, New Mount Zion and True Light Baptist Churches of Jackson; the Indian Girls' Auxiliary from Canaan Baptist Church, Philadelphia; the Chinese R. A. Chapter, Greenville; Anne Hasseltine, Y. W. A.'s from Blue Mountain College; Grace McBride W. W. A.'s from Jackson. Throughout this presentation the emphasis was put upon the first part of the theme for the evening which was THEIRS TO GO!

Southwide President Speaks

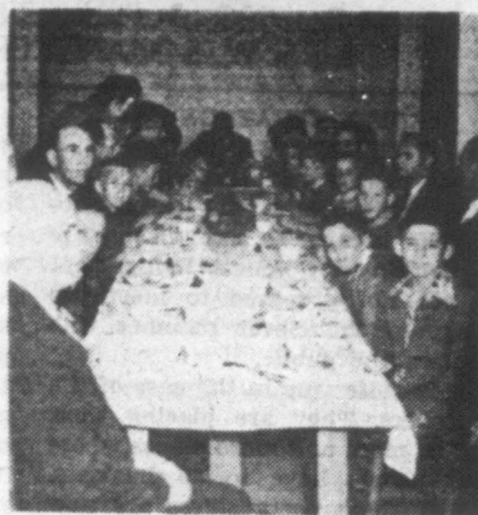
This was climaxed by an address by Mrs. George Martin, president of Southern Union who spoke on the latter part of the theme, YOURS TO SEND. She challenged the parents present to be willing to "give of their sons to spread the message glorious," and to "give of our means to speed them on their way!"

On Thursday morning an appealing devotional was brought by Mrs. Kermit Canterbury of Charleston. She used as her subject the third word of the convention theme, Lift, and centered her thoughts around the verse, John 3:14. Miss Chaney spoke again on "Look at Africa" and discussed at greater length the illness of Nigeria saying, "Nigeria is sick in every way. There are 23 missions of people there and only 30 missionaries. In our little center 300 babies were born last year, 6800 were treated and over 300,000 treatments were given. 99 per cent of the people have worms, all have malaria at some time. One village suffered a smallpox epidemic for three years. There is physical weakness, moral weakness, spiritual weakness. There is a great need for education and sanitation and most of all salvation. The solution to all this is the love of Christ. I beg you to pray more and give more!"

The closing message of the convention was brought by David Mein. His subject was "Expressions of Love." He told how Southern Baptists had expressed their love through their gifts which had built schools. New work just begun is the opening of two clinics. A hospital is to be built in Paraguay. The great avenue of good has been The Brazilian Bible Press which printed the first Bible in Portuguese printed on Brazilian soil in 1944. In conclusion he asked, "What will you do?" The greatest need is not so much as your sons and daughters. Are you willing to give your sons and daughters to lift an ailing world to the feet of Christ?"

An innovation to the convention program was the unique way in which the reports of the officers were given to the convention on Wednesday morning. Two large books were brought to the rostrum. One was the book of progress made in 1948 and the officers came forward one by one and turned their respective pages and read the record. As they did Miss Robinson, Miss Taylor, and Mrs. Sledge

HOLMES RA'S BANQUET AT TCHULA CHURCH



Shown above is the Father and Son's banquet held in Tchula church by the Holmes County Royal Ambassador chapter.

Tchula church recently entertained members of the Holmes County Royal Ambassadors, their fathers and their counselors with a banquet. The entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. S. B. Harrington, County W. M. U. Young Peoples leader and wife of the Tchula pastor.

Leader Shows Pictures

Approximately one hundred guests, representing Lexington, Durant, Pikes, Cruger and Tchula attended.

Rev. Walter Bisbee, State RA leader showed a moving picture of "A Day in the Life of an R. A. at Camp Garaywa." He was assisted by Luther Slay, Jr., and Henry Waterer, Jr., of Tchula.

Immediately following the banquet, Mrs. Harrington introduced special numbers which included a song, "George Washington," by Bobby Kil-

applied the plans and goals for the coming year, as Miss Taylor added new pages for the record we hope to make this new year, in the Book of Records for 1949.

1950 Session To Calvary Church

Reports were given at the closing session from the courtesy and greetings committee by Mrs. John W. Taylor, of Sunflower. A letter of invitation was read by the President inviting the convention to Calvary Church, Jackson, in 1950. The invitation was accepted with pleasure. Special recognition was given the general chairman of arrangements, Miss Almarine Brown. She in turn introduced her committees; Mrs. Lela Kelly, Advance publicity, Mrs. E. O. Allen, Hospitality, Mrs. C. E. Hawkins, registration, Mrs. James Chapman, Ushers, Mrs. Rembert Johnson, flowers, Mrs. T. M. Hederman, transportation, Mrs. Graham Hales, Information and Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Young People.

Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws were read and duly voted upon with all changes being accepted unanimously. This change was brought by a special committee composed of Mrs. Webb Brame, Mrs. Ned Rice and Mrs. James Street, all past presidents of Miss. WMU, who had given a year's study to the proposed and accepted changes.

It was the feeling of those present that this convention was a superior one in every way. Executive Secretary Treasurer for the contributions they had so generously made to its success. Thanks were extended the host church and Mrs. D. C. Simmons, president of the host church WMU and all others who gave of their time and interest.

lebrew of Cruger and a trumpet solo, "Faith of Our Fathers" by Michael Harrington of Tchula. An inspirational message was brought by Mr. Bisbee. Comments were made by the pastors present, the Rev. C. M. Day of Duant, Rev. Paul D. Bragg of Lexington, and the host pastor, the Reverend Mr. Harrington. Group pictures of the R. A. Chapters were also made.

Members of the Tchula W. M. S. and Business Women's Circle who assisted in entertaining were: Miss Agnes Sproles, chairman of decorations, and Mrs. W. M. Unger, chairman of the serving committee composed of Mrs. W. E. Marshall, Mrs. Charlie Wade, Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Craft, Mrs. Jessie Temple, Mrs. J. P. Love, Mrs. D. E. Rickles, Mrs. S. S. Love, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tutterow, and Miss Ferguson.

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REV. JOHN JEFFERS, FORMER ALABAMA Training Union secretary, has been elected as director of Adult Training Union work to succeed Dr. Clay I. Hudson. Dr. Hudson will be assigned as general field worker in the Training Union Department.

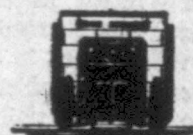
Grateful For Ministry Of Mississippi Baptist Hospital

On the morning of February 19, 1949 local Jackson papers carried headlines of a tragic accident which happened early that morning in Terry. J. L. Johnson, a resident of New Orleans, had been hurrying home to spend the week-end with his wife and children. He was driving a Navy pick-up truck. On approaching the bad highway curve in Terry Mr. Johnson lost control of his truck and was thrown from the vehicle into a railroad loading ramp. The man's left leg and the entire lower left side of his body was very badly crushed and torn. He was brought as soon as possible to the Baptist Hospital in Jackson where doctors gave him little chance of living. For three days and two nights everything humanly possible was done to save his life, but efforts were unsuccessful and on the following Monday afternoon Mr. Johnson died. After the family's return to New Orleans, Joseph Hinsley, Business Manager of Touro Infirmary and brother-in-law to Mr. Johnson, wrote the following letter to Dr. Frank Tripp concerning the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

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JOSEPH W. HINSELEY

Assistant Director

March 2, 1949

Dr. Frank Tripp, Superintendent
Southern Baptist Hospital
2700 Napoleon Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Tripp:

I want to thank you on behalf of Mrs. Hinsley's family and myself for your kindness during the illness of my brother-in-law, J. L. Johnson, at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi.

We were all impressed and sincerely grateful for the care he received. In my many years of hospital experience, I have never seen better service rendered or more untiring devotion to their work than was demonstrated by the entire personnel. There was a feeling of religious significance that reacted in the hearts of all of us, and, though God in His wisdom saw fit to take our relative from us, we shall always remember the skill and human kindness of everyone at the hospital.

Tragedies usually bring families closer to God, and the chaplain at the hospital was most helpful in offering prayers and words of comfort.

I personally appreciated the dignified manner and christian devotion as demonstrated by the entire personnel; it was so different and refreshing as compared to the labor-bargaining problems confronting some institutions.

I was engaged in closing the home of our relative and making arrangements in my household for the residence of the widow and two children, which resulted in my absence from the office when you called.

Sincerely,

Joseph Hinsley

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Copiah Associational Meeting

On Sunday afternoon March 20, 220 from ten churches in Copiah County came together at Hopewell church for their Training Union Mass meeting. Mr. George Moseley, Educational Director of the Crystal Springs church presided as Associational Director. The Program was inspirational, starting with a devotional message by host pastor, Earl Brooks. The Crystal Springs girls sextet brought a message in song, two good congregational songs, the awarding of banners and a message by State Secretary Wilds. Crystal Springs tied the host church in attendance each having 44. County Line brought 30, Gatesville 16, Damascus 13, Antioch 11, Gallman 5, New Zion 6, Hazlehurst 3 and Pine Bluff 48, and winning the banner. It was wholesome competition, and a helpful meeting.

What is your objective in your union? Just sit down for fifteen minutes and argue with yourself and come to some conclusion! If the objective is not a worthy one, one that will call for your best in leadership, or your best as a member, then why not change to something more challenging.

Youth Week Is This Month

Are your plans complete for Youth Week? It does not have to be in April, but April is a good time for it. Starting now you could get plans completed in time to observe it, it being the last week in the month. WHAT IS YOUTH WEEK? some one asked—Youth week is a week set aside when all church offices will be filled by young people, deacons, heads of departments, committees, teachers and leaders, even the place of pastor is occupied by a young person. If you have a ministerial student in your membership he could be elected to that place. If you have no such person any young man who is spiritual minded could serve even to bringing the messages on Sunday if he is thus qualified. Youth Week introduces the church life and program to the young people, and it also brings out the fine metal hid in our young people. Many pastors have written "Youth Week meant more to our church than our Revival." Make it an annual occasion for your church.

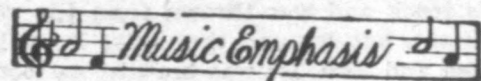
Shuqualak First To Report Youth Week

The first week in March was "Youth Week" in the Shuqualak church. For one week the Intermediates and Young People "took over," occupying all the places of leadership in the church. They manned and executed both the Sunday School and Training Union on March 6. They had charge and rendered the evening preaching service on the 6th as well as the business meeting of the church on the following Wednesday night. The Youth Week deacons met and brought four recommendations to the regular deacons which in turn were brought to the church and passed. The Youth Deacons were authorized to raise funds to make certain repairs on the pastor's home. The Youth Choir occupied the choir loft at both Sunday services and brought special num-

bers. Youth Week was closed and climaxed on Friday night with the banquet which was held in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in nearby Macon with Rev. Tom Douglas of Brookville as the inspirational speaker. Three weeks prior to Youth Week a Youth Week Committee of young people was appointed which met and mapped out the plans for Youth Week. We are grateful to pastor Joe Abrams for this report of this, our first Youth Week in 1949.

The District Conventions

Two months will roll by in a hurry and then we have our fifteen District Conventions. Here are the dates and places again: The figure represents the date in June: 6, Coffeeville; 7, Holly Springs; 8, 1st Tupelo; 9, Aberdeen; 10, Louisville; 13, Quitman; 14, Leakesville; 15, Wiggins; 16, Salem in Covington Co.; 17, East McComb; 20, D'Lo; 21, Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg; 22, 1st Yazoo City; 23, 1st Greenville; 24, Clarksdale. We have sent out thousands of sheets of contest materials and believe the conventions this year are going to be largely attended and highly inspirational. They will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon and close at 9 P. M.



Pearl River Baptist Music Association

During a recent visit to the Pearl River Association a chance was offered to look into the work of the Pearl River Baptist Music Association. The Music Association was first organized by Rev. S. J. Rhodes who was the County Missionary. Bro. Rhodes is a fine musician, and because of his interest in the music, the association was started. Now, the music is going forward in a fine way under the leadership of the new County Missionary, Bro. Donald Bennett. Bro. Bennett is also a good musician and song leader.

There are three hymn festivals during each quarter. One festival is held in the northern section of the county for the northern group. Another festival is held in the southern section of the county for the southern group. A third festival with the two groups meeting together is held on the fifth Sunday of the quarter.

These festivals are held on Sunday afternoon, and do not interfere with the regular church services. The pastors are backing the program. Only the regular recognized Baptist hymnals are used.

The Music Division of the Training Union Department is very much interested in promoting such a program of hymn singing in every association in the state. A suggested constitution is being written and will be published in this column in the near future, after which, definite plans will be made to set the program in motion throughout the state. "Let All the People Sing."

Together is a new small book designed to be helpful for young people who are approaching marriage, or to young married couples. Written by Dr. William Cooke Boone. The messages in this book are taken from the authors larger book, WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER. This new book is 35c and will make a splendid gift.

Department of Temperance Activities

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MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

CRAFTY STRATEGY OF THE LIQUOR CROWD

Crafty rascals are often able to put over a shady deal on the unsuspecting public, because so many people are busy working on honest living, that they are not prepared to meet the strategy of the clever schemer who victimizes the public.

This is quite true in the case of the beer sellers. They are placing their "slop" in more and more places where decent people have to do business. Many of the grocery stores are now selling beer. There are two reasons for it. Excuse me, there are more than two reasons. One is, it's easy money for the grocer. Another is, the beer barons know that there is coming a day when the good people will spew that stuff out of our state and they want to plant it widely among our people so the pulling it out will be hard.

The beer barons know that if a man is making good money out of that "slop," he will not vote to outlaw it, that they want to firmly root it in every place possible.

There is another reason for grocery stores and cafes selling it, and that is, that not enough good people boycott them for doing so. If you who read this article would go to the grocer or cafe owner who sells beer and say to him, "I like you. I like your merchandise, but I am very much opposed to seeing you become a party to making drunkards of boys, girls, and women, therefore, you can count on my not buying anything from you till you take that "slop" out of your place of business," your patronage will have more influence than the beer seller's arguments.

Christian friends, if we do not do something like this the beer sellers will encroach more and more on decency, make more and more drunkards, and make it harder and harder to outlaw the accursed stuff. Therefore my appeal to you is to go to the beer seller and register your protest and assure him that if protest is ignored, you will trade with the man who does not sell beer.

Sincerely,

A. A. KITCHINGS

CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT VI

DR. LAWRENCE TO MARRY



REV. E. L. BYRD

Rev. E. L. Byrd is Chairman of District VI for the Woman's College Endowment Campaign.

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When Christians see as Jesus saw, they will love as he loved, win as he won, and serve as he served—Jerome O. Williams in *The Teacher*.

ATLANTA, Ga.— (BP) —Mrs. Richard Calvin Huston has announced the engagement of her daughter, Helen Scott Huston, to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

The wedding will take place April 26 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. L. Harling, in Decatur. Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, will officiate.

Miss Huston's father, the late Dr. Richard Calvin Huston, was for ten years pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Atlanta and served six years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Miami before his death. Miss Huston has been secretary to Dr. Lawrence for the 20 years he has served as chief executive of the Home Mission Board.

Before coming to the Home Board, Dr. Lawrence had served as president of Oklahoma Baptist University and as executive secretary for the state conventions in Mississippi and Louisiana. (Editor's Note: Dr. Lawrence is a native of Mississippi.)

ANNOUNCING

... the opening of books at Blue Mountain College on May 2 to receive room reservations for the session of 1949-50.

The amount of the room fee is \$10. This is not an extra charge, but is credited toward the expense of the session and will be refunded for any reason if requested by August 15.

If you have not received our 1949 catalog, we shall be glad to send a copy upon request.

Blue Mountain College,
Blue Mountain, Mississippi

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
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MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

IT'S VBS TIME AGAIN

Yes, sir, it's once more time to make our plans for those Vacation Bible schools for this year.

These schools are held only during the vacation time, so we must not be too late in making plans for them. A good start is important.

What a glorious good time the boys and girls have in the Vacation Bible school; and they do learn so much.

GET A FREE PACK

The free packages of Vacation Bible school promotional literature can be secured from the office of the state Sunday School Department. Write for some today. It's free but it's good.

CONGRATULATIONS, PARKWAY AND COLUMBUS

Adult Department No. 2, Parkway, Jackson, Mr. Earl L. Clark, superintendent, is one of only six Standard Adult departments in the Convention territory of Southern Baptists through February 28.

Also, the Young People's Department, Columbus First, Mr. Paul B. Jacobs, superintendent, is one of only three Standard Young People's departments through February 28.

Surely congratulations are in order to these leaders and their co-workers.

BIBLE TEACHING IS THE MAIN PURPOSE

There are many parts, many programs and many functions of a Sunday school, but let us never forget that the main work always is that of teaching the Bible—God's Holy Word.

Let's never be guilty of getting on a by-pass or some side track and away from the main line. Let's keep ever before us in all our plans, programs, promotion and goals that the teaching and study of the Bible is the primary thing.

Let's never major on the minors and minor on the Major. Let's keep our perspective right and then all the other parts of the work will fit naturally into the great whole.

Yes, Bible teaching and study is always the main thing for any Sunday school to major on.

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION HAS CAMPAIGN AND CLINIC

The week of March 14-17 was a good one for Mississippi association. That was the time of their Sunday school enlargement campaign, which had been planned since last summer. The interest was good and some fine work was done.

On Thursday, in the Liberty church, a special clinic on Vacation Bible school work was held for detailed discussion and study of the work and programs for this year, and also for mapping plans to make the association 100 per cent this summer in these schools.

Mr. Frank Wall is the association Sunday school superintendent, and Rev. S. W. Waggener the missionary.

TEN PERIODS STILL REQUIRED

There has been no change in the requirements for completing books in the Sunday school training course.

Ten 45-minute periods are still re-

quired, including one of them for writing up the questions.

There is no requirement as to how many sessions are held in order to meet this requirement. If it is all done at one meeting, four meetings, three meetings, or a dozen meetings, that is all right, just so there is given to the study the equal of ten 45-minute periods, including one for the test.

Teachers of such classes, watch this point, please.

IMPORTANT DATES

Ridgecrest, June 23-29 and June 30-July 6 are the two Sunday school weeks at Ridgecrest. Write at once for reservations to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., and send \$2 registration fee for each person.

Statewide Clinic at New Albany will be the week of August 29-September 2. No cost to first 100 applying except transportation and a registration fee of \$3. Write now.

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Young Men's Mission Council Ridgecrest, N. C.

The Young Men's Mission Council week at Ridgecrest, N. C., will be July 28-August 3. Requirements for attendance are: 15 years of age or older; holding the rank of Ambassador or higher; interested in missions.

An application blank may be secured by writing to Walter F. Bisbee, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE

office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. C. L. Boland, Paynes; C. Y. Suddith, Sallies; J. T. Grantham, Jackson; Rev. John E. Barrow, Sturgis; Mrs. V. L. Bassett, New Albany; Mrs. Mike Brogan, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mrs. Ted Brogan, Mrs. C. L. Griffin, Mrs. Herman Shelton, Laurel; Rev. G. W. Smith, Lean; Mrs. Ben Howell, Mrs. Jessie Williamson, Mrs. Joab Langston, Mrs. Beech, Mrs. K. G. Hall; Mrs. P. E. Walker, Rev. Howard Rich, Philadelphia; Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Barnes, Pricedale; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Mrs. W. F. Thomas and Jamie Dail and Mrs. Donald Chance, Rich; Mrs. A. H. Childress and Mrs. R. S. Dunn, Lula; Mrs. E. D. Elliott, Greenville; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Shubuta; Mrs. M. L. Dilworth and Mrs. J. C. Smith, Corinth; Mrs. E. R. Mahaffy and Mrs. John Mahaffy, Booneville; Mrs. A. E. Ray, Rhenzi; Mrs. Jodie Morgan, Starkville; John T. Dearing Jr., Bay St. Louis; Paul B. Cooper, Handsboro; Carol Phelps, Louisville, Ky.; Esther Thornhill, Montgomery, Ala.; Bobbe Carr, Sumner; Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley; Edna Jean Reynolds, Oxford, Martha Huggins, Oxford; Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; Jean Black, Oxford; Laura Thompson, Arbyrd; Janet Washburn, Delhi; Lelia Jackson, Sturgis; Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Landrum and Carol, Blue Mountain; Rev. J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Rev. George Gay, Ripley; Hudson Dismukes, Iuka; Rev. Bryan Simmons, Ellisville; Rev. N. J. Lee, Wiggins; Freddie Brister, Terry; Fred, Willingham, Golden; J. V. Wilson, Bellfontaine; S. B. Harrington, Tchula; E. L. Monroe, Tishomingo; E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roberson and Conrad, Nigeria; R. W. Porter, Georgetown; Samuel C. Green, Elbert E. Beard, Madison Gené Harvey, Betty Jean McKenzie, Mary Helen Martin, Loyd Rushing, Arnold Tuttle, Junior Rushing; Arnold Martin; Dan McKenzie, Cartee McKenzie, Z. C. Dunaway, Donald Tuttle, Tyler-town.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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We need today a church-centered, comprehensive vocational guidance program that will make the American way of life for our sons and daughters; a program that will spell out to them the word "opportunity."—Daniel A. Poling . . . The Fund for sending out three student Summer Missionaries from Miss. now stands at \$138.21. We need approximately \$1,350 more by May 1, the deadline . . . Teenagers should be encouraged to look to the church for their good times.—Mrs. Kenneth Chamberlain, 1st Presbyterian Church, New York . . . A picture of all the student missionaries to Hawaii, including Frances Bibb, of Miss. College, appears in the April Baptist Student. Also a very excellent resolution made by Ruby Bagwell, of Woman's College, at the Cleveland Convention, and a picture and writeup of Carla Allbritton, former Student Secretary at Sunflower Jr. College, appear . . . An egotist is a man who tells you things about himself which you had intended to tell him about yourself.—Copied . . . "Now is the Day" was the theme of Blue Mountain's Mission Emphasis Week held March 20-23. The program, done up in pale green (or blue, it's hard to tell) and gold is most attractive. Dr. John D. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Ith Marks, Mrs. Roswell Owens, Rev. Samuel Maddox, appeared on program . . . The fault-finding habit is a bad one. We live in an imperfect world.

Everything is flawed and defective. All people are erring creatures, and their faults give us offense, but one should not be always paying attention to the faults of others. One may become a chronic fault-finder, and in that case he will become a grumbler. And if he is not careful, he will degenerate into a growler. And if he growls long enough, he will become a cynic. When a man has become a cynic, he has reached the bottom. A cynic is of no account either to himself or to anyone else. He did not intend at the start to become a cynic. He began by finding fault, and the habit grew on him until his mind became twisted and his heart sour.—Selected . . . In recent days, have been greatly blessed by the Clarke College Focus Week with messages and fellowship of Bob Denny, Bill and "B" Weaver, Bill Denham, Dr. J. O. Williams, Chester Quarles, Riley Munday, the H. B. Todds, of Ouachita College, Pres. Greene, Louie Farmer, Bro. R. A. Morris, and many others, and by a meeting of the BSU Council at E. Central Jr., under the direction of John Everitt, their president, and Mrs. David Livingston, their student Secretary. Also enjoyed recent fellowship with Pastor Gordon Sansing at Booneville, home of Northeast Jr. College. The folks at Booneville look forward to the building of boys' and girls' dormitories which will make more feasible the formation of a BSU there.

ST. AMANT AND FIELDS TO LEAD KOSCIUSKO REVIVAL



DR. C. PENROSE ST. AMANT

Dr. C. Penrose St. Amant will lead in revival services at Second Baptist Church, Kosciusko, the week of April 17.

Dr. St. Amant, is professor of Church History and Theology in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Sem-



REV. M. H. FIELDS

inary. Rev. M. H. Fields will direct the singing. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Slidell, La., and served with the United States Army overseas during the last war as Chaplain.

Rev. D. S. Homan is the pastor.

ACCORDING TO W. M. WOMACK, Chairman of the Homecoming Committee, there will be a Homecoming-Memorial Service at Cross Roads church, Web-

ster county on Sunday, April 24. It will be an all day service with an interesting program. All former members and friends are urged to attend.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell. For April 10. THE BLIND RECEIVED SIGHT. Mark 10:46-52.

I. THE SAD CONDITION OF THE WORLD TODAY

I once heard a speaker say that everything Jesus did or said was symbolic and significant. I can not go all the way with this statement, but I am very sure that the healing of Bartimaeus was in literal and symbolic. Bartimaeus was in like condition with a pitiable world with sadness and suffering and sorrow and selfishness and sin over all its broad extent. A billion men and women are lost in the Stygian darkness of sin. The blindness of the world is a moral blindness, an inability to see any moral issue clearly if at all. The crying need of bad men and women everywhere is just to be able to see, clearly to see God's way, to perceive by His light.

II. THE LIGHT-GIVER OF THE WORLD

And He is busy doing it. Mark's words, "They come to Jericho: and as He went out from Jericho," are significant. He is no loafer, this divine sight-giver to the blind. He is up and about the business on which He came to the sin-blinded world. And this is well, since He alone can say, "I am the light of the world." There is sight for the blind eyes of the heart, there is light on the pathway of life, in Him alone. And He still gives their heart's desire to every one who would see how wisely to walk the pathway that leads through the green irriguous valleys to the distant sun-crowned hills of God. So He went through Jericho, a city accursed, a city regarded by the proper people of His race as a wicked city. Well, He is not much disturbed about that. He just goes to any city and to anybody in it.

III. A BLIND MAN WHO WANTED SIGHT

Here in this accursed city was a poor chap who wanted to see. What! In Jericho? Yes, in Jericho! And Luke says there was even another, a little man who had his physical sight, but who wanted to employ his gift of sight in an effort to see "Jesus who He was." This second chap was a runt whom his neighbors did not, on account of his business. But the Lord was willing to help both of these men, because they needed help, not only but knew they needed it. Bartimaeus was blind and knew he was blind, and he wanted desperately to get out of that condition. One day he was situated by the road when he heard the shuffle of the feet of a multitude, feet of a lot of them bare, feet of the others, sandaled, walking, and voices in the multitude talking. "Where are the people all going? and what for?" quavered Bartimaeus. "It is Jesus the Nazarene passing by."

IV. A BLIND MAN'S PASSIONATE PERSISTENCE

Bartimaeus had undoubtedly heard of this Nazarene and of the wondrous works He had performed on behalf of others, and had as undoubtedly come to believe that Jesus the Nazarene could open blind eyes. If sin-blinded men all over everywhere could only come to the faith of this blind man in the bad city, what a different world we would very soon have, to be sure! If men without the light of life, men who can not see the light of this moral sun, men who are benighted in the gloom of a darkling way, would

LICENSED TO PREACH



John Wesley Merritt, of Macedonia Church, Lebanon Association has been licensed to preach by the Newton Church, Rev. R. A. Morris, Pastor. Merritt is a student at Clarke

College.

Rev. Martin V. McKinster is pastor of the Macedonia Church.

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80 PROFESSIONS AT BREWER

Rev. L. G. Meadows of the First Church, Dadeville, Alabama, led the revival meeting at Brewer Church, Perry County, March 21-25. Mrs. E. L. Boszor, church secretary says it was the greatest meeting in the history of Brewer Church.

There were 80 people who made professions of faith in Christ during the meeting and on Sunday morning, March 27 every member of the church who was present pledged to tithe.

Mr. Meadows complimented the church on the excellent way it was organized for the meeting.

cease their mad rush into the shades of gross darkness and call upon him for release from the shadows deep because of diseased eyes, how would they not also cry, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy."

So cried this blind man by the wayside, and would not be silent. Those there were who tried to silence him? Sure! Always have been, always will be. "Jesus, thou son of David"—"Cheese that racket, Bartimaeus," "Jesus, thou son of"—"Can the chatter, old bat!" "O Jesus, thou son of David, have"—"Ah! cut out the clamor, there, you mangy old scavenger!" "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!" At last his piercing voice has made known his desire. Now, I can easily suppose that our Lord heard him the first time, can't you? Why keep him yelling like that for so long a while, then? Perhaps the discouragers needed a lesson in the futility of their trying to keep an earnest seeker away from Jesus. Let the dupes of the devil know that when they have done their Satanic worst, they have failed to thwart God's purpose of grace. Perhaps, again, Bartimaeus needed to learn that God can make a way, and will, through all obstacles the devil can pile in the way of those who would come to God.

V. THE ANSWER TO NEED EXPRESSED BY FAITH

It is always given. The faithful prayer shall not, nay, can not, go unanswered! The guarantee of God is engaged to answer. Hear Him guarantee it: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Matt. 7:7-8.) So Bartimaeus had his desire.

VI. SUPERNATURAL INSTINCT OF THE SPIRITUALLY ENLIGHTENED

What is that? The motive behind Bartimaeus' action. See what he did, will you? "Followed Him in the way." Which way? Why, the way Jesus went, of course! And that is what every man who ever received sight from Jesus did. The man who through faith in Jesus has received sight, always follows Him, while those who do not follow are still blind.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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Holly Springs Adopts Man and Boy Movement



Shown above is a group of laymen at the First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, who received the Man and Boy certificates for having been responsible for getting boys to Sunday School for four consecutive Sundays. Left to right are Rev. Howard Aultman pastor, Mr. Dan Bounds, Mr. O. B. Kerr, Mr. Conn Bounds, Dr. W. C. Sandusky, and the State Secretary. A special service for men and boys with over a hundred present and with even more women and children were in the service. The Brotherhood Secretary brought the message of the evening and had the honor of delivering the Man and Boy certificates.

The Man and Boy Movement

What is the Man and Boy Move-

ment? The Man and Boy Movement is an effort on the part of the Baptist Brotherhoods of the South to enlist boys who are not in the Sunday Schools to become members of Sunday Schools and eventually members of the church. The plan is simply that a man takes a boy who is not enrolled in Sunday School to Sunday School four Sundays. It is assumed that a boy will be enrolled in a class and become the responsibility of the class after four Sundays. A certificate is presented to each man who meets the above requirement from the State Brotherhood Department. It is a certificate that any man would be happy to frame and hang in his office or his home.

Plan To Pitch Camp—Oklahoma City Will Be Crowded

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Requests for reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention stand, pressed down, two feet and seven inches tall. They ask for 6,200 rooms.

On the other side of the ledger is the fact that Oklahoma City is not overly blessed with hotels, and it will be a marvel if hotel managers are able to find as many as 1,000 rooms for Baptist messengers.

Rev. Anson Justice, chairman of the housing committee, and other leaders in the general entertainment group, are working hard and undoubtedly will find accommodations for all who come. These accommodations are

likely to be more of the wild-west camp-meeting style than of the luxurious class, however.

Beautiful thing about it is that everybody has an even chance. Preference in housing is being given only to the handful of people actually involved in the operation of this session of the Convention. All others, be they pastor of a huge city church or lay member of a country church, are treated alike. Even employees of denominational boards are given no preference. Reservations were considered beginning February 1, and all are handled in chronological order.

Dr. McCall emphasized that the entertainment committees are doing a marvelous job. Few if any cities in the South are large enough to entertain a convention with 10,000 attending.

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GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

ERETT IS NUMBER 945

Erett Church helped the Baptist Record get over its 64,000 mark in circulation by adopting the EVERY FAMILY plan. A few weeks ago at the request of the pastor, Rev. Lamar O. Ball, Mississippi College student, the Record was sent on trial for a few weeks. The people liked it and adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan and now all of the family of Erett Church are going to keep informed about what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Wayne County Record readers are now listed as follows: Calvary, 24; Bucatunna, 48; Clara, 49; Clear Creek, 14; Coyt, 6; Denham, 1; Evergreen, 14; Pleasant Grove, 20; State Line, 50; Strengthford, 12; Waynesboro, First, 118; Zion Rest, 1; Erett, 35.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN . . .

Salem Church, Kemper County, is number 946 on the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

After trying the Baptist Record for two months the church voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan and now all of Salem Church are going to be better informed about Baptists affairs at home and abroad. The list was sent by Professor E. G. Palmer, who is the agriculturist for the Lynville Vocational High School.

Record readers in Kemper County are now listed as follows: Bay Springs, 35; Blackwater, 29; Bluff Springs, 21; Center Ridge, 25; DeKalb, 61; Liberty, 4; Salem, 48; Scooba, 55; Stonewall, 8; Union Hill, 5; Wahalak, 11.

CENTRAL, McCOMB IS NUMBER 949



REV. FRED B. BOOKTER

One of the happiest pastors in Mississippi is Rev. Fred B. Bookter, pastor of Central Church in McComb. For some time he has felt the need of the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan in his church but this, that and the other caused delays.

The church has now voted to make the Baptist Record a part of its program and from now on the members of Central Church are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: Bluff Springs

VERNON MAY ACCEPTS HOLLANDALE PASTORATE



VERNON MAY

Rev. Vernon May has accepted the pastorate at Hollandale and will begin his work there April 15.

He comes to Hollandale from Mt. Olive where he has been pastor since finishing his Seminary training two years ago. While a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he preached at Hathorn, Antioch, and Society Hill Churches in Jeff Davis County.

The Mt. Olive Church has made much progress under Mr. May's leadership. There have been eighty one additions to the church, 35 for baptism and 46 by letter. The spiritual growth of the church has been its greatest achievement. All organizations of the church have increased in membership and attendance.

A junior and Intermediate Girl's Choir has been organized and directed by Rev. May. Progress has been made materially, also. The budget has doubled. Major repairs, such as a new roof, rebuilt heating system and other needed repairs have been made on the church building. The church auditorium has been completely redecorated to make it one of the most beautiful in the state. The church office has been equipped with desk, typewriter, steel filing cabinet and mimeograph machine. Many other items of new equipment have been purchased.

Mr. May is a native of Mendenhall. He graduated at Mississippi State College and taught vocational work at Magee for three years. He then served one term as County Superintendent of Education in Simpson County before entering the ministry in 1944. He is married and has one son, William Vernon May, Jr., age 16 months.

Mrs. May, the former Mae Lee Jenkins of Ridgeland, is a graduate of Belhaven College in Jackson and received her Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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JOHN T. WALTERS RECENTLY ASSISTED Pastor W. C. Walls in study courses at both Clifton and Groverton Churches. A total of 40 awards were granted.

49; Bala Chitto 25; Bogue Chitto 49; Calvary 50; Central 159; East McComb 298; Fernwood 65; Friendship 116; Holmesville 32; Johnston Station 34; McComb, First 465; McComb, South Side 127; Magnolia 175; Mt. Zion 2; Navilla 1; Osyka 76; Progress 37; Silver Creek 53; Silver Springs 60; Summit 121; Tangipahoa 85; Terry's Creek 76; Thompson 24; Union 40.

REV. JACK CRANFORD

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from the Collins Baptist church for Rev. Jack E. Cranford, 63, widely known and beloved Baptist minister of Collins who died shortly after midnight, Monday at a Baptist hospital, Jackson, Miss.

The death of the popular minister came as a shock to his friends throughout the state. He attended morning services last Sunday at the Collins Baptist church and was taken ill Sunday afternoon.

Entering the hospital Sunday afternoon he became seriously ill Monday with death resulting.

Rev. H. W. Shirley of Purvis was the officiating minister, assisted by Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel, Dr. D. A. McCall, Jackson, Rev. Dan Moulder, Raleigh and Rev. A. Sidney Johnson of Jackson.

He was the pastor of the Goodwater church in Smith county and over a 40 year ministry had served 24 churches including churches in Jackson and Laurel.

Rev. Mr. Cranford was educated at Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Besides his wife he is survived by three sons, Rev. J. J. Cranford of Waynesboro; Rev. David T. Cranford of Indianola; Rev. Paul H. Cranford of Hattiesburg and New Orleans; two daughters, Mrs. Herman Milner of Jackson, and Miss Bessie Lois Cranford of Mississippi College.

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Holly Bluff Enrolls 63 In BTU Study Course

Through the week beginning Monday, March 21 the B. T. U. of Holly Bluff Church held study course. Sixty three members were enrolled.

The faculty consisted of Mrs. H. D. Farrell teaching The Officers Manual to an Adult class, Mrs. R. J. Hatchett, Sr.—Working Together in a Spiritual Democracy—Adults, Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick—Deepening the Spiritual Life—Young People, Mrs. W. C. Dorris, Jr.—A Faith to Live By—Intermediates, Mrs. R. J. Hatchett, Jr.—Bible Heroes—Juniors.

The recess periods were occasions of spiritual inspiration and good fellowship. At the close of the week of study a general social was held in the social hall under the direction of Miss Lurline Screws, Training Union director.

MATTOX TO SPEAK AT N. O. SEMINARY

Rev. Samuel E. Maddox, personnel secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be the principal speaker at the Missionary Day program of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Thursday, April 7.

The son of missionaries emeritus of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Maddox was born in Rio de Janeiro. He was educated at Bello Horizonte, Georgetown College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served as an Army chaplain during World War II, and after his discharge, he and his wife were appointed missionaries to Brazil.

Detained in the States by the illness of a son, Mr. Maddox has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, Alabama since 1946 until his connection with the Foreign Mission Board.

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MRS. LILLIAN TODD OF BROOKS-ville recently taught a Sunday School Study Course book at Deerbrook Church in Noxubee County. She was greatly impressed with the zeal and loyalty of the people. Harvey Haggard, Sunday School Superintendent is proud of the fact that recently forty-one of the forty-six members of the Sunday School were 100 per cent on the Six Point Record System.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, SUNFLOWER County, Rev. Claude Howe, pastor, had a Study Course March 13-17. The book studied was the "Ten Commandments" by B. H. Carroll. Nineteen received awards.

PERSONAL ADVENTURES WITH JESUS -(1.30) by Dr. B. H. Duncan and published by the Broadman Press is a book of sermons worth reading and reading again. This book is filled with rich, luscious, spiritual food. It contains fifteen sermons—all of a high order. The analysis of his text is always true to the entire Bible teaching. His deductions are logical, the truths are clear, his spiritual discernment is deep. The author is editor of the Arkansas Baptist and before coming to that position a few years ago he had served for ten years as pastor of the First Church, Hot Springs. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

THE VARIOUS STATE CONVENTIONS received a total of \$36,584.363 from the churches in 1948. Of this amount \$9,277,647, or 35.3 per cent went for S. B. C. causes. Virginia led with 45.4 per cent of all receipts going for S. B. C. causes. Illinois is second with 45 per cent. The states report \$4,429,585 expended for state missions. The complete tabulation on a state basis will appear in the 1949 Handbook.

BOB JONES' REVIVAL SERMONS (\$2) by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., contains nine sermons preached by Dr. Jones in a city-wide revival campaign sponsored by some two hundred Chicago area churches and Christian organizations in Chicago Arena April 28 to June 2, 1946. Anyone will be helped by reading these sermons. Sermon titles are: Following Jesus; And Pitched His Tent Toward Sodom; Opportunity on Wheels; Christ's Second Coming; What Is a Christian?; The Woman in the Case; The Family Record; The Miracle of Calvary; Jesus—The Light of the World. Orders should be sent to the publishers, Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Ill., or to the Baptist Book Store.

ROME —(ENS)—VATICAN CIRCLES have declined to confirm or deny reports that archeologists from all parts of the world have been invited to visit excavations under St. Peter's Basilica to verify claims that the tomb of St. Peter has been discovered.

DR. WILLIAM J. FALLIS, EDITORIAL associate in the Editorial Division of the Sunday School Board, has been elected Book Editor to succeed Dr. John L. Hill. Dr. Hill will retire as Book Editor June 1.

G. C. (JACK) STARKEY, WHOSE address is 126 Valley Street, Jackson is available as evangelistic singer and anyone needing his services should write him at the above address. He has had several years experience mostly in Mississippi and Tennessee.

NORTHSIDE CHURCH BROKE ALL records April 3 on its special "R. D. Day" (Reduce the Debt Day), which was also the pastor's fourth anniversary. With a Sunday School attendance goal of 744 the actual attendance went to 753, which was 200 above the previous record. Training Union attendance was 282, which was 38 above the goal and 67 above the previous record. The total offering was also the largest in the history of the church amounting to approximately \$8,500.

FARRAR'S LIFE OF CHRIST (\$2.50) condensed and edited by Dr. Theodore W. Engstrom is a streamlined edition of this monumental work. Editor Engstrom declares in his introduction, "It must be recognized that this condensation retains only the highlights of Farrar's biography. Of necessity, entire chapters were omitted and other chapters were considerably condensed. . . Yet withal it has been the desire of the editor to retain the singular high points in what has proved to him to be a tremendously challenging and soul-stirring production." Any library will be richer with this book in it. Order from the publisher, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store.

HOUSTON, TEX.—(ENS)—A PROPOSAL that the Houston baseball team set aside a section of its grandstand in which beer would not be sold was unanimously adopted here by the Houston Baptist Pastors Conference. The Rev. H. J. Tullis, pastor of the Baptist church in South Houston, who introduced the proposal, expressed the belief that the management of the Texas League nine would comply with the request "if we ask them."

PASTOR G. G. MOONEY (MISSISSIPPIAN) and the Gently Church, New Orleans had planned a revival for May, but God sent it early. As the Pastor pours out his heart in evangelistic preaching, the harvest is great—8 in one service; 19 in another; 12 in another and they continue to come. When it was impossible to accommodate the great crowds coming at eleven o'clock, another worship service was begun for 9 A. M. Now both services are crowded to capacity. The people are rejoicing to see this thing in the City of New Orleans.

Church Secretary,
MRS. N. A. BARRETT,

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR planning a church recreation program, by Jack B. Fellows, appear in an article in the second quarter Quarterly Review, just released by the Sunday School Board.

NEW HOPE CHURCH IN SUNFLOWER county, Rev. Claude Howe, pastor, recently completed a B. T. U. Study Course on methods. Forty-nine received awards.

GOODWATER CHURCH, SIMPSON County is a good friend of the Baptist Record. Recently Mrs. Rice Ainsworth sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from this good church.

MACKDONIA (LEBANON ASSOCIATION) considers herself indeed fortunate in having secured the services of Dr. D. A. "Scottie" McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in a one-day revival series on April 10. Services will be held at 11, 2 and 7:30 with Dr. McCall doing the preaching. Dr. McCall comes to Macedonia under the sponsorship of the Deacons and the pastor, Rev. Martin V. McKinstler. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

MRS. DAN C. HOLCOMB, Reporter **DR. GUY C. MITCHELL, PROFESSOR** of Education and Psychology, is representing Mississippi College which is participating in a cooperative study of major problems confronting American higher education in a conference being held in Chicago, April 4-7. An invitation to participate in the National Conference was extended to Mississippi College by Ralph McDonald, Executive Secretary of the U. S. Department of Higher Education. The conference is expected to constitute the most representative assemblage of higher education leaders who ever came together in this country.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of subscriptions from Dinan Church in Waltham County. The list was sent by Mrs. Henry Ginn.

REV. JOHN E. BARROW WHO recently went to the pastorate at Sturgis has already sent in an additional list of names for the EVERY FAMILY list there.



Shown above is the sign which points the way to the East Fork Church. Rev. Melvin T. Wilson is the pastor.

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MIDWAY CHURCH IS PROGRESSING in a most wonderful way under the pastorate of Rev. Paul Booth. Brother Booth has been with the church only about one year, but about a dozen families have placed their membership in the church. Within a few weeks we will move into the new auditorium. Adult members have done most of the work on the building at night after their days work is done. Anyone having a desire to help a good cause may mail their contributions to Mrs. W. H. Everett or the pastor, Rev. Paul Booth. Just mail it to either of them, Route 2, Jackson, Mississippi.—O. U. RUSHING.

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It should be said that individuals from two or three of the above churches provided a portion of the money for the purchase of the airplane while in the remainder of the instances the churches did it. To the Executive Secretary who uses the plane, the most important thing about it is the text, "Jesus Saves," as frequently heard him say that traveling in thirty-five to forty foreign countries only one Saviour has been found who really saves. Nor has he been anywhere in those countries of the forty-eight states of the United States where Jesus has been preached but that somebody loves Him, somebody follows Him, and somebody serves Him.

The airplane has been used in taking the gospel message, "Jesus Saves" to every section of Mississippi. The airplane has been used in Kingdom business from Jacksonville, Florida, to St. Louis, Missouri, and from Zenia, Ohio and Huntington, West Virginia to Dallas, Texas and many places in between.

"We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus Saves! Bear the news to every land, Climb the steeps and cross the waves; Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!"

The plane costs about as much to operate as does an auto. It is not as serviceable as an auto by any means however.

Using a plane is seemingly scriptural for the Word says, "they shall mount up with wings as eagles." Isaiah 40:31. "And I saw another angel (messenger, or was this another pastor?) FLY in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people . . . Fear God and give Him the glory—judgment is come—worship Him." Revelation 14:6-7.

These things are important! Only carnal men magnify little costs! John 12:1-11.

The Bookkeeping Department has just issued total expenditures for travel by this plane over a period of two and one-half years. It shows that the average cost per mile has been right at five cents. Very lost cost!

No Convention Board employee has received as much as one penny of remuneration from the operation of the plane.

The Executive Secretary has been



careful in this item as in all others. First, all instructions were given in writing and are still a part of the permanent records of the Convention Board office. Financial records are on the books.

The following memoranda are suggestive of the care exercised and the procedure followed.

"October 15, 1946

Mr. Johnny Cleveland,

Johnny Cleveland's Airplane Service,
Highway 46,
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Johnny:

In order that you may understand the thing I am trying to get at, let me give you the following picture: I got the airplane, first, primarily for my work. A few churches are making modest contributions toward its cost and I am paying the balance out of my own earnings, and gladly so.

Naturally, there will be some operating expense, upkeep, storage and insurance. From my study I am definitely of the opinion that possibly without overhead and insurance cost the plane may be operated as cheaply as an automobile. Incidentally, I am interested in your reaction to that statement.

I do not expect one penny of income, of course, from the operation of the plane. If anything, it will cost me something. I am sure the denomination does not expect me to bear the cost more than that of a car used in the work. That means that the basis of fair and equitable charges for the use of the plane must be set up.

According to the information at hand,

I believe the rental charges for a plane with pilot are \$10 an hour in the air. Rental charges for a plane without a pilot are \$7 an hour while in the air. I naturally have no desire to set up maximum charges while in this work. All I want as already suggested is enough to operate the plane on keeping it up and replacing it when needed. As a suggestion, I am wondering what you think of \$5 per flying hour for this? Is that too much or too little? I hope you will be perfectly free and frank in this matter.

Blessings upon you.

Yours in service,
D. A. McCALL.

"October 30, 1946.

Bookkeeping Department:

I am giving the following memorandum as a record for anyone desirous of seeing it.

The Executive Committee will be asked November 11 to decide on the hourly mileage rate for the use of the plane just as they have set a mileage service charge for automobile.

That the October item might be chronicled in order, I am setting \$5.00 per hour for flying time as a rate. Any adjustment in this can be made after the decision by the committee on November 11.

The rate for flying hours for both pilot and plane is \$10.00. The above rate is half of that. The rate per flying hour for plane is \$7.00 commercially. The above rate is \$2.00 per hour less than that.

If the Executive Committee wants to use automobile mileage as the basis for trips that suits me all right. I have studied it and find it comes fairly close to the above rate. You go twice as fast in the air and cut straight across instead of following the long route.

Total flying time through November 1,

1946 is thirty-six (36) hours, total \$210. Kept in official log book for CAA inspection, etc.

You will please write a check in that amount charging it against the Baptist Record reserve and crediting it to the plane account under the "R" account.

Naturally, the long trips to the associations always make September and October schedules heavy.

Of course, it is understood that none of this money in any way comes to me but will be kept in this account for repairing the plane, replacing the plane at the proper time and the expense of operating the plane.

Thanks.

D. A. McCALL.

"October 24, 1947.

Bookkeeping Department:

The Executive Committee allowed in a general way the same mileage for the plane as in the case of an auto, that is five cents (5c) per mile. I have used the plane in approximately 24,000 miles flight. I know you are rushed now and unless it is best to balance this account with the others as the books close for this Convention year, it suits me for you to wait until the rush is over. Still I do want this account to be checked and if the expenses of the plane are over the mileage allowance, I want to balance it and vice versa.

Thanks.

D. A. McCALL.

The mileage allowance of the Convention Board has been the final basis of operation costs of the airplane throughout.

The following paragraph from a recent letter by Dr. W. A. Oriswell, Dallas, Texas, will be appreciated by Baptist Record readers:

"Don't let me or anybody else dampen your ardor for that airplane flying. Believe me, it is certainly the swiftest way and I believe the safest way to arrive on a pretty day from one port to another providing you can get your stomach out of the skies when you put your feet on the ground. I might make one more provision, namely, that you have some other place than a swamp in which to place the plane."

SUMMARY: First, the plane carries the most important message known to men, "Jesus Saves."

Second, the plane has been used for two and one-half years in Kingdom service.

Third, it was purchased by some who wanted to have a part in its mission.

Fourth, according to the records the total cost over a period of two and one-half years has been right at five cents per mile, the same as automobile allowance.

Fifth, The Baptist Record Reserve referred to was a checking account authorized by the Executive Committee several years ago and was to be used in promoting the work.

40 Seniors Complete Work At Miss. College

Forty seniors at Mississippi College have completed the required work for graduation and will return in June to receive their diplomas. They are:

Cecil Herbert Avery, Newton; Joel D. Aycock, Drew; Joe Roy Baker, Newton; Helen Frances Bibb, Drew; Edward Leonard Blake, Pocahontas; John Purser Buckley, Jr., Jackson; James Vardaman Carr, Jr., Clinton; James Edward Clark, Carthage; James Avery Clarke, Decatur; Melba Lee Collier, Pelahatchie; Joe Marders Cooper, Oakland; Wilma Stinson Cooper, Oakland; Marion Francis (Jack) Dearing, Newton; Katherine Fairley Green, Leaf; James Daniel Hitt, Jr., Vicksburg; Sarah Louise Howell, McComb; James Floyd Johnston, Jackson; William Henry Lee, Mobile, Ala.; Dalton Webster McCullar, Jr., Courtland; Ludie Rosen Magers, Tupelo; Lawrence Farnum Mayulich, Columbia; Isla Middleton, Hazlehurst; James Foster Mitchell, Vicksburg; Patricia Williamson Moore, Mt. Olive; Carl Reid Nelson, Cleveland; Eva Louise Nicholson, Vicksburg; Wilma Claude Odom, Stonewall; Roy Clayton Perdue, Laurel; Sylvester Dewey Purser, Jr., Yokena; Henry Milton Rayford, Newton; Cortez Lavelle Sellers, Magee; Henry Gordon Shamburger, Jr., Meridian; J. L. Strittman, Meadville; William Howard Thompson, Gunison; Roma Jean Waldrop, Newton; Leona Dorris Wall, Lena; Robert Oran Webber, Clinton; Grady Burton Wells, Clinton; John Purser White, McComb; and Henry Paul Whitten, Weir.

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Bethlehem Church Completed Built On Pay As You Go Plan

By Rev. B. E. Phillips,

Pastor Bethlehem Church

Bethlehem (Fork) Church in Simpson County worshipped the first time in their new church building Sunday, March 27. The weather was bad, the roads were sloppy, the rain continued almost all day and far into the night, yet the attendance was above the average. For five months services were held in the school building near by. The work on the building began November 1, 1948 and continued until March 26.

The work on the building was done by the members of the church with the aid of one or two carpenters on the outside. Some things were definitely decided on when the church voted to build. One was that our offering to our denominational work would continue during the time of building. Another thing that was decided was that we would not ask the State Mission Board to help us. Another thing was that the day our money gave out all work stopped. We would not go in debt. This was a rather large order for us as there are no wealthy members of this church. Our building is complete, we do not owe a dollar on it.

Members Worked and Prayed

Our members prayed and gave of their means and worked. Without personal canvassing our friends contributed to the building. Money came to us from Mendenhall, Pinola, Georgetown, Pleasant Hill, New Hebron, Crooked Creek and some friends from Jackson heard we were building and sent us some money. The nearby Methodist church sent us an offering, the Lord opened the iron gate for us more than once.

The building is of wood with asbestos siding. The roof is aluminum. We have thirteen rooms and a baptistry. It would have cost us about twelve

Chinese G. A.s Give \$314.77



Rev. D. I. Young, Missionary to the Chinese, Greenville, who sent the picture above writes:

This is a picture of the G. A.s of the Chinese Mission of Greenville, Mississippi. There are twelve members, and two on this group are visitors. They were organized last June and until the first of March this year \$314.77 in money and a nice box for Chinese Relief has been donated. All are tithers. One little girl brought \$5.00 for the Home Mission Week of Prayer, and the leader found out that she had been saving her money to get a pair of shoes, but preferred to give it for Missions instead. Her father is helpless and her mother is partially paralyzed. I know some American Baptists who ought to be ashamed and do something for the Lord.

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Set Program For Protestant Editors' Meeting

By Religious News Service

PHILADELPHIA — The annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, organization of editors of Protestant publications in the U. S. and Canada, will take place in Washington, D. C., April 20 to 22, it was announced here by G. Elson Ruff, editor of The Lutheran, and secretary-treasurer of the group.

Sessions will begin on April 20 with a dinner at the First Baptist church, where the meeting will be held. Guest speaker at the dinner will be Francis H. Russell of the State Department, who will address the editors on "American Foreign Policy and the Church Press."

During the three-day sessions Herman Burns of Nashville, Tenn., art director of the Southern Baptist Publishing House, is scheduled to speak on "How to Improve the Church Press."

Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, will deliver an address on "The Threat of Roman Catholicism to Religious Freedom."

An address entitled "Interpreting Washington in the Church Press" will be given by Jacob S. Payton, Washington correspondent for the Christian Advocate.

Don A. Brenna of The Saturday Evening Post will talk on "Magazine Magic."

One session of the meeting will be devoted to a critical appraisal of the church press.

On April 21, the Protestant editors will have a noon press conference with President Truman.

thousand dollars had we contracted it. Our first service was a thanksgiving service for all of us knew our Lord enabled us to build this house for His glory.

Woman's College Drive Must Succeed

By James W. Parish, D. O.

April 17 is another step in the carefully planned and charted program for Mississippi Woman's College. The drive for \$225,000 additional endowment must succeed.

During the past three years step by step many goals and achievements have been reached. The board of trustees with the faithful G. M. McWilliams and Dr. Rouse have known that with the vast amount of work that needed to be done that there must be a carefully planned and well executed program of endeavour. The next step in the recovery program is to make the accredited list of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The association has a minimum requirement for fine schools of \$500,000 for endowment.

Woman's College needs \$225,000 to meet this need. Many people have asked why a College was going into the field for a smaller amount of money than everyone knew was needed at the present moment. Mississippi Woman's College wants to be shared with all of the churches cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The \$225,000 is our greatest need.

Mississippi Woman's College has been surveyed by the state department of education and placed on the approved list of colleges and universities as a teacher training school.

As a Mississippi Baptist you will not have a greater opportunity all year than to give through your church to the Woman's College Endowment Campaign.

NEW RIVER AVENUE CHURCH TO BE OCCUPIED SUNDAY

Built at a cost of approximately \$18,000, the new River Avenue church, Hattiesburg will be used for the first time on Sunday April 10, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis.

Morning, afternoon and evening services will be held. The pastor will preach at the morning service, a former pastor, Rev. E. M. Bilbo, now pastor at Sumrall, will speak at the afternoon service and Rev. Bailey Munday, BSU Secretary at Mississippi Southern, at the evening service. Lunch will be served at the noon hour, Mrs. T. J. Ford is chairman of the Dinner Committee and Raiser Runnels of the Building Committee.

Open house will follow the afternoon services and the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service. The music will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox, Miss Joan Carter and Miss Lucy Ann Smith.

A goal of \$1,000 has been set for the day's offering which will go to the building fund. Already many friends in Hattiesburg and other places have made contributions of labor and money.

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DORCAS CLUB CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Last week the Dorcas Club of the First Church, McComb, celebrated its Golden Anniversary. Nine charter members and thirteen past presidents, along with Miss Nannie Gillies, present president, told the history of the fifty-year-old club.

Beginning in 1899 as a Building Fund Society to raise money to construct a new church, the group was named the Dorcas Society and later became the Dorcas Club. The present aims of the club, as is stated in its yearbook, are three-fold: To foster and promote a social spirit among the members, to assist financially in the purchase of needed equipment, and to create and sustain an intelligent interest in Bible study.

Mrs. Hugh Middleton introduced the past presidents and charter members who were present. Past Presidents were: Mrs. E. R. Gordon, Mrs. W. T. Holmes, Mrs. W. E. Brashear, Mrs. E. L. McLaurine, Mrs. L. S. MacClaren, Mrs. Eva Nell Quin, Mrs. Burton Alford, Mrs. W. F. Jackson, Mrs. B. B. Stamps, Mrs. J. T. Lyons, and

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- April 11—Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus, Chairman of District V, Woman's College Endowment Campaign; Rev. George Gay, Ripley, Recording Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention.
- April 12—H. M. Brooks, Choctaw County, Convention Board member; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, trustee, Baptist Orphanage.
- April 13—Mrs. H. L. Dodd, Sallis, Chairman of District V, State WMU; Bruce C. Aultman, Brotherhood President, District VII.
- April 14—Miss Annie Headricks, Registrar, Blue Mountain College; George M. Jenkins, Clarke College faculty.
- April 15—Miss Louise Thornton, Clay County Associational BTU Director; Mrs. Ingram Foster, Prentiss, Mississippi College trustee.
- April 16—R. A. McLemore, Hattiesburg, Mississippi Education Commission; Edgar Bammill, Adams-Franklin Associational Sunday School superintendent.
- April 17—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Margaret Fund Chairman; W. G. Mize, Baptist Orphanage superintendent.

Miss Nannie Gillis.

Charter members present were: Mrs. Madge Quin Fugler, Mrs. Kate Harvey, Mrs. H. B. Holmes, Mrs. Kittle Jones Holmes, Mrs. H. M. McKnight, and Mrs. W. B. Mixon. Mrs. Emma Gatlin Watkins and Mrs. I. E. Stennis, both of whom are charter members, were absent.

During the program candles were lighted in memory of deceased members. Closing the program the pastor, Dr. Wyatt Hunter, spoke on what the Dorcas Club meant to the church.

The two earliest presidents were Mrs. H. B. Holmes and Mrs. I. E. Stennis. Mrs. Holmes was present to give an account of the early struggles of the Society.

Mrs. Madge Quin Fugler and Mrs. L. D. Dickerson told vividly of the many ways in which the determined women worked to get the best in every way for their church. Both paid special tribute to the leadership of Mrs. O. B. Quin.

During the program candles were lighted in memory of deceased members: Mrs. O. B. Quin, Mrs. Allie Parker, Mrs. Leila Purl Quin, Mrs. Albert Andrews, Mrs. L. Z. Dickey and Mrs. Lea Cotten.

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